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BATTLE MOUNTAIN.

Peculiar Features of a Nevada Town.—A Good Place for Farmers—The Last of the Piutes—Queer Habits—Alkali and Mosquitoes.

(Correspondence of the Chronicle)

BATTLE MOUNTAIN, August 25, 1885.

It was not the place alone that excited my curiosity, for I cannot say with justice that it has peculiar advantages over other small places in which we find all over Nevada. Battle Mountain has the green banks of the Humboldt, which makes up all deficiencies and gives to it a picturesqueness lacking in other towns of the State. I may be over partial to the neighborhood, because it seemed, as I whirled over the desert after leaving Reno, that I had come to the end of vegetation, excepting sagebrush; that California had appropriated the sum total of nature's meadows, green hill and fruitful orchards, and left poor Nevada only a dry waste of alkali and sand dunes. However, there was one break in the monotony, for upon my left, while looking out of the car window, I espied a stretch of water, protected from the South by a range of hills. It turned out to be the Humboldt sink. The water invites you to taste it but the penalty of such indulgence is a raw mouth. The water is highly flavored alkali and it would be profitable for a soap manufacturer. I should judge the unhappy person who has partaken of it feels as one does when he eats a green persimmon. The water of the Humboldt has turned this desert into a field of waving grass. The willows and small bushes cherish it and follow its course all through its meanderings. The cattle and horses look contented and nothing could induce them to leave it. There is never any danger of their straying away for new pasturage or searching for sweeter herbage. It was a pretty picture, this band of green set in a level stretch of yellow sage; and what is more, it followed the course of the railroad all that afternoon.

LOCATION OF THE TOWN.

Battle Mountain is reached about 3:30 P. M. It is nothing more than a collection of houses; some huts huddled together on each side of the railroad, as if each occupant when he built had determined to get closer than his neighbor to the track. No one has seemed anxious to fence in a spacious lot. Battle Mountain offers inducements in free town lots. No one has the trouble to prove a title here. The town is supported from two sources—the Humboldt valley and the mines. The hill from which it derives its name is about a five-mile walk to the south. There took place upon this oval-shaped mound in 1853 a sanguinary fight between emigrants and Indians, from which a few settlers escaped to tell the tale. Immediately after supper I hastened to the stream, which is about a half mile from the town. The water is clear and cool, It is about forty feet wide and ten feet deep. The course is as crooked as a coiled lariat—a second Meander. For this very reason it is enabled to water the soil about a mile in width. The grass is mainly blue-joint, growing about three feet high, sweet and nutritious and is the finest feed for horses and cattle. The valley is fifty miles long and averages one mile in width. It yields two tons per acre. Hay is worth now in Battle Mountain about $6 per ton. In 1878, during the dry season, the farmers received $40 a ton for their hay. About dusk, perched on one of the stringers of the bridge, I looked down and up the valley. Before me is a level sward of green, dashed here and there with yellow stretches as far as the eye can distinguish. The cows are passing behind me over the bridge on their way to milking. This is the Mecca of Nevada. Towards the railroad I hear the firing of a rifle. The night hawk is skimming about, and there again is the splash of a fish. I pushed on farther into the meadow, but a band of ravenous mosquitoes put me to flight in short order, and every time one would buzz and bite I thought it must be an emigrant from Jersey.

SOME INDIAN ECCENTRICITIES.

The Indians amused me, playing like kittens in the middle of the street. They represent the last of the Piutes and Shoshones, and it is safe to say that they have reached about the bitterest dregs of degeneracy; but yet have sufficient taste to bedeck themselves with paint, gaudy ribbons, beads and emblems of the chase. They cut a ludicrously grotesque figure. They wear white hats, having a broad black ribbon fastened in the center, with a gaudy plaited band, which, passing under their chin, secures their hat from the wind. Then I must not fail to mention their linen duster, which they wear upon all occasions—Summer and Winter. Gambling is one of their chief passions. I noticed one trying to put on a newly bought shirt, out in the street, over his duster. The poor fellow made hard work of it. It was rather a tight fit, and the awkward contortions and grimaces which he made before he succeeded in slipping it over his head would shake the sides of the soberest Judge. The mountains around here look as if they had been scooped out by Titans. In walking upon alkali dust it sounds exactly like the breaking of very thin ice.

The Central Nevada Railroad has its shops and main office here, which give employment to quite a band of workmen. The chief things which strike the stranger's attention are the three immense sign boards of the three hotels. There are also three stores. Then the foundry and car shops of the Central Nevada give an incentive to business. D. W. Earl is the commission merchant. The Central Nevadan is a lively paper, which champions the rights of the citizens and gives a good word generally to all enterprises. It is owned and edited by Dennis & Ellsworth.

The people are very sociable and often indulge in picnics, parties and dances, sometimes going upon excursions to Lewis, a mining camp; at other times to Austin. Golconda Springs is about fifty miles west, upon the railroad. It is said to have fine medicinal qualities, and many received relief in bathing in and drinking of the waters. Sulphur and iron are found in incrustations around its brink.

Sutro Tunnel Water to be Utilized.

A survey has recently been made of the ground between the mouth of the Sutro tunnel and the Carson river with the object of ascertaining the fall between those points, which is found to be a fraction over 60 feet says the Virginia Chronicle. It is rumored that a stamp mill will be erected next Spring at a point almost due west from the mouth of the tunnel on the bank of the river. This mill will be driven by a Laffell wheel propelled by the water coming from the tunnel, and will be used for workin the vast body of low-grade quartz cut throug in excavating the tunnel. This vein is said to be 300 feet in width and to give an average assay of $4 per ton. The water will be flumed to the mill on a trestle, and the trestle will be built wide enough to allow of the construction of tracks on either side on which to run out the quartz from the tunnel to the mill. It is estimated that by this method the lowest quartz can be mined and crushed for $2 a ton, which will leave a handsome dividend for the projectors of the scheme, as they expect to mine and crush 300 tons every 24 hours.

Proposals for Carrying Mails.

WASHINGTON, September, 15.—The Postoffice Department Tuesday invited proposals for carrying the mails from July 1, 1886 to June 30, 1890, in the States of Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Oregon, Nevada, California, and in Indian Territory, Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Idaho, Washington and Alaska Territories. Proposals will be received up to January 2, 1886, and decisions will be announced on or before February 23, 1886.

The members of the Terpsichorean club, of Carson, are making elaborate preparations for their opening party on Friday evening. Several of Reno's young folks have received invitations and should attend as they will be sure to have a fine time.

The Puritan has again beaten the Genesta, this time settling the question as to the respective qualities of the two styles of boats and deciding that the cup would remain on this side of the water.

The suspension of the Postmaster at Chico, Cal., was made upon the Inspector's report showing a shortage of $2,000 in his accounts. His bondsmen have made good the deficiency.

Imposing on a Husband.

Texas Siftings.

Mrs. Colonel Percy Yerger is a lady who believes in never doing anything that she can make her servants or husband do. A few days ago Colonel Yerger found her reclining on the sofa, yawning vociferously. She held a book in her hand.

"I am so tired," she remarked, as Colonel Yerger entered the room.

"What have you been doing to cause such prostration?"

"I've been reading Howell's last novel. I've only read ten chapters. Here, you take it and finish it for me."

Colonel Yerger says his wife is a very industrious woman. She is always finding something for him to do.

Advice to Mothers.

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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION.

COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE, Washoe county, Nevada.

RENO, September 14, 1885.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE County Assessor of Washoe county, Nevada, has completed the tax list or assessment roll, and has duly attached his certificate thereto, and delivered it and the Map Book and all original lists of property given to him to the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners; that the Board of County Commissioners will meet on Monday, September 21, 1885, as a Board of Equalization, and will hear and determine all complaints made in regard to the assessed value of any property within said county; and will change and correct any valuation either by adding thereto or deducting therefrom, if they deem the same fixed in the assessment roll either above or below the true value, whether said sum was fixed by the owner or Assessor; except that in case where the person complaining of the assessment has refused to give to the Assessor his list under oath as required by law. In such cases no reductions will be made by the Board of Equalization in the assessment made by the Assessor. The assessment roll will be kept open for public inspection at the County Clerk's office until after adjournment of the Board of Equalization. The Board of Equalization will continue in session from time to time until the business of equalization is disposed of, but said Board will not sit after the first of October, 1885, except that the Board of Equalization will meet to equalize the assessment roll and hear complaints in excepted cases mentioned in the Revenue Law, Section 15, 3138 Comp. Laws.

T. V. JULIEN,

Of the Board of County Commissioners, Washoe county, Nevada Sept. 14th, 1885.

PROPOSALS WANTED.

SEALED PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED at the office of the Nevada State Board of Agriculture, for furnishing music (brass band not less than eight pieces) for the State Fair, October 12th to 17th inclusive.

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TOWN AND COUNTY.

BREVITIES.

The usual daily improvement reported in the Hale & Norcross

Tom Hymers is going to put a new addition to the back part of his barn

A Chautauqua circle has been formed in Tuscarora, and another is to be organized in Reno

It is the big company and not the Warren Juniors, of Carson, who propose to enter the hose race at the State Fair

An assessment of 25 cents per share was levied by the Union Con. Mining Company, delinquent on the board, October 10th

Austin is to have two days races, comencing to-morrow, open to all animals rasing in the counties of Lander, Nye or Churchill.

Rev. Mr. De La Matyr is improving his residence by making it larger and a story and a half high It will be a fine addition to West street when completed

The match game of pool at Jake Becker's saloon Tuesday night drew a big crowd and was won by O'Neil, the game standing, O'Neil 120, Lowery 119.

Reno is getting livelier every day, she now supports two faro and two percentage "stud horse" poker games, and they are all crowded every night This is a sure sign that times are getting better.

Mr. J. Stough, one of Washoe's heavy taxpayers residing in the upper part of Roop county, and an old friend of Johnny Cannon, is being shown the sights of this city by John Mr. Stough went into Surprise Valley in '52.

Who Wants It?

The authorities of the Maryland Military and Naval Academy offer a cadetship, board free, to one student from Nevada In a letter to the Enterprise, the Superintendent says: "The Academy has about 200 cadets, from twenty nine States, but not one from your State. The regular price for a year's tuition and board is $350, but, in order to secure a student from your State, I will offer a cadetship, board free, to one student from Nevada, who would, therefore, have to pay only $175 a year until graduating, instead of $350" The applicant must be of good character and at least thirteen years old. From the Academy prospectus we learn that the institution is located at Oxford, Maryland, a town of 1,200 inhabitants, one of the loveliest and most attractive spots in that State, on the east shore of Tred-Avon river. It is within a few hours' ride of Baltimore. The editor of the Virginia Enterprise is authorized to nominate one special cadet from Nevada on the terms designated, and is ready to receive applications.

Phrenology and Spiritualism.

Prof. Fitz will give a lecture in Armory Hall on Friday evening, September 18th Doors open at 7 30 o'clock. Subject "Distructiveness which causes us to even shed the blood of our fellow-men" As each and every one of us have a leading propensity, some to destroy, some to worship, etc, come and see what your leading talent is. Mrs. Fitz, the world's famous spiritualist, will also converse with the audience through their departed friends' spirits. The Professor will give a true description of some of the islands in the China seas, where, including India, China, Australia, New Zealand, and Van Diemen's Land, he and his wife have been traveling for eight years. The Professor and wife can be found at the Lake House.

District Court.

John Thompson was sentenced yesterday to seven years in the State Prison. He was taken to Carson on the two o'clock train.

Gilmore's sentence was postponed until next Saturday.

The Court adjourned till Friday morning when the trial of Frank Borden will come up.

River Bathing.

The warm days that are disappearing so rapidly have furnished enjoyment for lots of social, fun loving Renoites who found it inconvenient to escape the sultriness of our Summer sun, by a trip to the cool mountain lakes or sea coast resorts. The "murmuring" Truckee has for once received its quota of appreciation, for its available waters, clear, pure and just sufficiently cool to be invigorating, have proved a boon to whomsoever chose to partake. The few bath rooms erected by the enterprising spirits of last year have been more than well patronized this season, and the indefatigable bathers express a determination to go and do likewise when again the year rolls round. The timid, curious, cold-blooded, or disabled, have found relief from the ennui of the long afternoons by taking, second hand, the fun of the participants Many a bit of amusement has been provided these kindly thinking spectators, and many interesting studies suggested to the keen observers by an unconscious betrayal of the peculiar, varying characteristics of original human nature. The ladies who opened the season with a strong desire to master the art of swimming, have, as usual, shown the "when she will, she will" spirit, and persisted until success crowned their efforts (to the extent of actually being able to take between twenty and thirty "strokes" without going under) in spite of unacknowledged fears, exasperating criticisms, involuntary ducktings, and—poor teaching. Quite a number have positively dared the dangers of diving (feet foremost), and an admired few have at times found sufficient courage to trust themselves to the support of the water and there floated contentedly, with folded arms, protruding toes, dripping bangs and upturned nose. The gentlemen have invariably exhibited a readiness to act the part of rescuer should occasion demand It is but justice to say that they look very nobby considering everything, in their tasteful suits, and inspired a confidence, whether deserved or not, that is doubtless intensely gratifying A few more days and this line of jollity will be closed for the season; however, as Reno occupies such a prominent position (on the map) the "Truckee" has decided to share with us, promising in all faith, greater attractions in the future.

From Leslie's Sunday Magazine.

For October opens with the first installment of a new serial by Fannie Aymar Mathews, entitled "Dilettante Days," a bright and taking story of travel. The three chapters given take the reader across the Atlantic, through Liverpool, Chester and Warwick, the illustrations are appropriate and truthful, The two stories, "Love Harvest," by Farjeon, and "What She Made of Her Life," by Mrs Farmer, goes on entertainingly Two of Christ's Parables are given in that series, and Ignaz Seyfried, Sigismond Neukomm and Conradin Kreutzer are sketched in the Sacred Museum Series. The Bible History articles treats of the Kingdom of Judah from the fall of Samaria to the Babylonish captivity. The Rev. Edward A. Rand contributes a pleasant and readable article, "An Autumn Pilgrimage," and there is a good sketch, with extracts and illustrations of Tennyson's latest dramatic poem, "Becket" There are also portraits and sketches of Dr. Husbrouch, of the New Jersey Normal School. H. H Bancroft, the Pacific Coast historian, Archbishop Walsh, of Dublin, and Sir George Errington, besides many interesting and shorter articles and poems. Published by Mrs. Frank Leslie, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place New York city, at 25 cents a number, or $2 50 a year, postpaid.

Crown Point and Belcher.

The Virginia Chronicle of Tuesday says: "It was reported on the street last evening that the Crown Point and Belcher would start up this morning. Several of the old employes visited Gold Hill this morning and ascertained that the repairs to the machinery were finished, but the mines will not start up for a month yet, as the old gallows frame has been taken down and will need extensive repairs which will require a month to complete.

It is expected that the Ladies Art and Industrial Society of Nevada will make a fine display of fancy work at the State Fair next month.

A NEW INDUSTRY.

W. M. Havenor Proposes to Furnish the World's Market With a New Kind of Canned Food.

Sam Davis, of the Carson Appeal, is going to furnish the capital and Mr. Havenor the experience for the following big scheme, which will give Nevada a world-wide reputation The Appeal thus explains it. W. M Havenor, Commissioner from Nevada to the World's Exposition at New Orleans, will shortly start a new industry in Elko county. This enterprise will be nothing more or less than the erection of a canned meat factory at the county seat of the above named county

During Mr Havenor's stay in New Orleans he became acquainted with a chemist from Arkansas who was the inventor of a compound for the preservation of all kinds of fruits and meats The compound was on exhibition at the Exposition as were also several brief quarters which had been subjected to a solution of the compound some six years ago, and had hung in front of a butcher shop ever since, and were still in a fine state of preservation Mr. Havenor became deeply interested in the matter, and he obtained permission from the Arkansas gentleman to use the compound in this State to introduce it. He has made several experiments which have proved very successful In returning from the East, Mr H came over the Central Pacific road and while passing through Elko county observed that there were millions of rabbits in that section, and in conversation with a resident stockman of that county who happened to be on the train, learned that the rabbits were actually running the cattle off the ranges, and it was almost an impossibility to keep enough feed for the cattle, that men were finding ready employment at good wages to drive the rabbits out of the corrals and enclosed lands, so that the cattle can get a chance to feed.

An excellent idea entered Mr Havenor's head at the thought of his preservative compound, and arriving at Elko he stopped and quietly made arrangements for the lease of a large tract of fenced ground The land is fenced with wire fencing, and Mr. H has invented a novel plan to catch the animals in large quantities. He has built around the enclosure at the bottom of the fence two rows of wire funnels with the large end out, the same as are used in a wire rat-trap, only on a larger scale. These funnels are so close together that they will not admit of a rabbit going between and they therefore try to jump through. Those that go through are caught in the large trap while those too large to get through stick in the hole, because they cannot back out on account of the sharp points on the wires This is considered the cheapest way to slaughter the animals in large quantities When caught and killed they will be immediately dressed and taken to the packing house, and there, after being subjected to a solution of the curative compound, packed in cans that will hold the meat of one rabbit. Mr. Havenor thinks that there is "millions in it," and will lose no time in making preparations for the erection of a building to be used as a cannery. Another item is the hides of the animals which can be tanned and used for many different purposes The idea is a first-rate one and Mr. Havenor deserves a great deal of credit for undertaking the enterprise.

A Masonic Presentation.

Rev. Charles McKelvey, who was Pastor of the M. E Church here some three years ago, was the recipient on last Saturday, of a handsome present from Sacramento Lodge of F & A M. of which he has been Chaplain for three years. The Bee says: Mr M Kelvey's ministerial work will cause him to reside in Oakland after next Wednesday, and his brethren here desire to do him honor and show appreciation for the worthy and kindly gentleman. So P. G. M. J. T. Griffitt presented to him a beautiful Master Mason's apron, of rich material and elegant workmanship. The body of it is of white lamb skin, bordered with blue silk and two rows of silver bullion below which hangs heavy fringe of the same material. Upon the white ground are symbols of the order and worked in gold and silver. The cords and tassels are of silver. Several of the members of the Order made appropriate remarks upon the occasion.

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